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Honorable Jim Shockley
P.O. Box 608
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Re: Tri-State Wolf Compact Committee

Dear Senator Shockley:

I wish to recap for you the events that transpired over the fall of 2010 and winter of 2011 related to Holland & Hart's representation of the Tri-State Wolf Compact Committee.

As you know, the Tri-State Committee consisted of legislators from the states of Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho. A committee formed itself and retained Holland & Hart to provide legal advice on Endangered Species Act issues, wolf recovery matters specifically, and administrative law and litigation related to wolf delisting. Holland & Hart initially proposed to staff the project with three attorneys but we quickly reduced that to just myself in order to minimize expenses to the Committee.

At one of the inaugural meetings, a subset of the Committee, including the Montanans, broke out for a discussion on how I would bill for fees and costs. All agreed that each state would pay one-third of Holland & Hart's bill. I understood that the Montana legislators needed to seek an appropriation or other funding through the Montana Legislature. I was willing to proceed with the representation on the agreement that Montana's pro rata share would have to await payment in 2011.

Pursuant to that agreement, both the states of Idaho and Wyoming have paid their one-third shares but I have not received payment from the State of Montana. Montana's share is \$10,672.80. This includes the \$8,641.97 share I previously sent to you plus Montana's pro rata share of two subsequent invoices. My last time entry for this matter was on February 19th.

As part of the services that I rendered, I reviewed existing federal court decisions, the Endangered Species Act, and Department of Interior proposals, as well as state wolf management plans. As you know, we had multiple meetings in Salt Lake City as a convenient location for all members of the Committee. I worked closely with senior Department of Interior officials both in the Fish and Wildlife Service and in the Secretary's Office, including the appearance of some of those officials at one of our meetings. At all times, the Montana delegation was an equal participant in the discussions and deliberations, often adding insight both on the issue at large and specifically with regard to wolf management and litigation in Montana.

Legislative Council Meeting
June 24, 2011

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It was an honor to represent the Montana legislators as part of the Tri-State Wolf Compact Committee. The fact that the Governors, members of the congressional delegations, and the Secretary of the Interior were closely watching was, I believe, a testament to our efforts. Please let me know if you need any additional information regarding my work on behalf of Montana through the Tri-State Wolf Compact Committee.

Sincerely,

HOLLAND & HART LLP

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bill Myers".

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